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## ELECTRONICS CONFERENCE

## How Russians Scoop Yanks

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This is an explanation to Dr. Herbert Scoville Jr., assistant director of the Central Intelligence Agency, on how the Russians scoop American technical publications.

Scoville, here to address the National Electronics Conference at the Hotel Sherman Wednesday, said abstracts of American scientific papers sometimes are published in Russia before they are here.

For the CIA official's information, the Russians tried—unsuccessfully—to find out all they could on the very convention he was addressing before delivery of any papers, including his own.

## Two Strangers Appear

Monday two men, Georgi Dorokin and Victor M. Zegal, both identifying themselves as connected with the Russian Embassy in Washington, came into the press room.

They asked Frank Judd, public relations man from Armour Research Foundation, Illinois Institute of Technology, then in charge, for copies of all technical papers, particularly that of Scoville, who was to speak on the Russian Technological Education Program.

Judd told them no papers were given out except to the press and technical publications but, since they had registered—and paid fees to attend the

conference as their badges attested—they could naturally go to any of the sessions and view the exhibits, none of which contained any classified material.

They left without any manuscripts, one saying he might stay over to hear Scoville, the other saying he had to go back to Washington Tuesday.

## He Tries Again

On Tuesday Zegal popped back into the press room when Joseph O'Brien of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. public relations staff, was in charge. Zegal got the same treatment from O'Brien and again left with no papers. O'Brien said it was obvious that Russians go to American technical meetings, get papers when they can or take notes, rush them to their homeland and get them into print.

It was possible for the embassy representatives to register for the conference because it was not a closed meeting.

Scoville said the Russians subscribe to U.S. scientific journals and to abstracting services to get much of their material.

Scoville in his speech said that the U.S.S.R. prints sufficient abstracts from all scientific sources annually to compare in size with 35 volumes of Encyclopaedia Britannica. He noted how they are graduating scientists much faster than we are,

asserting that even their high school students are better grounded in science than ours, and said:

"Today the U.S.S.R. is a major factor in electronics and a potent challenger for electronics leadership."